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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NCPC Query Regarding Department of Transportation
Phase I Construction Project and Parking Facilities

1. On 19 July I received a telephone call from Bob Gresham, our Focal Point Officer with the National Capital Planning Commission. He informed that he was presently reviewing preliminary design drawings for the first phase of the Department of Transportation (DOT) building program. The start of construction is anticipated in approximately one year. Phase I of the program will include 70 additional people to be housed in an office/research building, bringing the total population to 240 people at this site adjacent to the Headquarters compound. Mr. Gresham has questioned the excessive number of parking spaces planned for this first phase of construction and is in the process of recommending a reduction. He would like to offer various other solutions to offset the recommended reduction of parking spaces and will suggest the increased use of car pools and bus service for DOT personnel.

2. He asked if the Agency would be receptive to including DOT personnel in part of its car-pool program so that they could more readily benefit from greater opportunities offered by the presence of a large number of Agency employees at our Headquarters facility. I indicated it sounded like a good idea but that I would investigate the matter further with Agency officials who may be more knowledgeable of the ramifications of car-pool sharing relative to the operational status of some of our personnel.

3. I contacted [redacted] Chief, Logistics Services Division, and he informed that DOT had previously inquired about participating in our car-pool program several months ago. At that time, DOT was advised of the limitations imposed by the operational status of some of our personnel. However, no formal conclusion was arrived at at that time. I suggested that it might be appropriate for DOT to provide

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the Agency with lists of names of DOT employees along with pertinent information so that interested Agency car pool employees could communicate further interest with them, and in so doing, make it possible for DOT to participate in the program. [redacted] mentioned that this idea had occurred at that time and that it would be a reasonable approach to the matter.

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4. [redacted] agreed with me that I should inform Mr. Gresham that the Agency would consider the above approach to car pooling with DOT but that the details of such a potential arrangement would have to be worked out when DOT formally addresses the subject in the future. I called Bob Gresham and indicated the possibility that the shared car-pool program might be made to work under the above arrangements following further coordination with DOT. Mr. Gresham indicated his reviewing comments would include a statement that NCPC believes there are adequate opportunities and sources available in the immediate geographic area for DOT to increase its car-pool program and thus reduce the amount of parking originally intended in the preliminary design drawings. Mr. Gresham felt that if any further discussion of the car-pool program was raised, he would refer DOT representatives to the undersigned for coordination and further Agency referral as necessary.

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